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ENFORCEMENT BUREAU CONTINUES 2021 EEO AUDITS

On November 12, 2021, the Enforcement Bureau mailed the third set of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) audit letters for 2021. These letters were sent to randomly selected multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs). In accordance with sections 73.2080(f)(4) and 76.77(d) of the Commission's rules, 1 the Commission annually audits the EEO programs of randomly selected broadcast licensees and MVPDs. Each year, approximately five percent of all broadcast stations and MVPDs are selected. 2

A list of the MVPD employment units included in this audit as well as the text of the November 12, 2021 letter appears on the following pages, which are also located at the Enforcement Bureau's EEO headline page at: https://www.fcc.gov/enforcement/eb-eeo/equal-employment-opportunity-headlines. Responses to the audit letter are due no later than December 13, 2021 and must be submitted via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) in Docket Number 21-398, which can be found at: http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs.

Enforcement Bureau Contact: EB-EEO@fcc.gov or 202-418-1450

¹ 47 CFR §§ 73.2080(f)(4), 76.77(d)

² The Enforcement Bureau sent EEO audit letters to broadcasters on two occasions earlier this year. *See Enforcement Bureau Commences 2021 Broadcast EEO Audits*, Public Notice, 36 FCC Rcd 4436 (EB 2021) and *Enforcement Bureau Continues 2021 EEO Audits*, Public Notice, DA 21-822, 2021 WL 3478609 (EB Aug. 6, 2021).



Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

November 12, 2021

Attn: Employment Unit ID # XXXXX

1. In accordance with 47 CFR § 76.77(d), employment unit # XXXXX (the Unit) has been randomly selected for an audit of its Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) program. A copy of section 76.77 of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) rules as well as other rules referenced in this letter are available here: https://www.fcc.gov/enforcement/ebeeo/equal-employment-opportunity-rules.

2. Audit Data Requested.

- (a) If the Unit has fewer than six full-time employees (defined by section 76.75(h) as employees regularly assigned to work 30 hours a week or more), it must provide only a list of the Unit's full-time employees identified by job title (no personal names should be provided), the number of hours each is regularly assigned to work per week and a response to question 2(b)(vi) below.
- (b) If the Unit employs six or more full-time employees, it must provide the following information in response to this letter, including an explanation regarding any information the Unit is unable to provide:
 - (i) The Unit's most recent EEO program information, described in 47 CFR § 76.1702(b), which was required to be placed in the Unit's public file by September 30, 2021 (2021 EEO Public File Report). If the Unit maintains a website, provide its website address. If the Unit's 2021 EEO Public File Report is not posted to that website, as required by 47 CFR § 76.1702(b), explain why the report is not so posted. If the Unit does not maintain a website, but its corporate site contains a link to a site pertaining to the Unit, identify the corporate website address where the Unit's 2021 EEO Public File Report is linked.
 - (ii) For each full-time position filled during the period covered by the 2021 EEO Public File Report, or since acquisition of the Unit (if such acquisition occurred during that period), dated copies of all advertisements, bulletins, letters, faxes, e-mails, or other communications announcing the position, as described in 47 CFR § 76.75(c)(3). However, to reduce the burden of responding to this audit, if a job notice was sent to multiple sources, the Unit may provide (1) documentation showing one such notice was sent, (2) a list of the sources to which the Unit sent the notice, and (3) a statement confirming notices to all additional sources used to announce the vacancy were retained, as required by section 76.75(c). Include, however, copies of all job announcements sent to any organization (identified separately from other sources) that has notified the Unit that it wants to be notified of its job openings, as described in 47 CFR § 76.75(b)(1)(ii).

- (iii) The date that each full-time position was filled during the period covered by the 2021 EEO Public File Report and the recruitment source that referred the hire, as described in 47 CFR § 76.75(c)(6).
- (iv) In accordance with 47 CFR § 76.75(c)(5), the total number of interviewees for each vacancy and the referral source for each interviewee for all full-time unit vacancies filled during the period covered by the 2021 EEO Public File Report.
- (v) Dated documentation demonstrating the Unit's performance of recruitment initiatives described in 47 CFR § 76.75(b)(2) during the time period covered by the 2021 EEO Public File Report, such as participation at job fairs, events with educational institutions as well as mentoring and training programs for staff. Specify the Unit personnel involved in each such recruitment initiative. Also, provide the Unit's total number of full-time employees and state whether the population of the market in which the Unit is located is 250,000 or more. Based upon these two factors, determine and state whether the unit is required to perform one or two recruitment initiatives within a 12- month period, pursuant to 47 CFR § 76.75(b)(2).
- (vi) Any pending or resolved complaints involving the Unit filed during the past five years before any body having competent jurisdiction under federal, state, territorial or local law, alleging unlawful discrimination in the employment practices of the Unit on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, or sex. For each such complaint, provide: (1) a brief description of the allegations and issues involved; (2) the name(s) of the complainant and other persons involved; (3) the date the complaint was filed; (4) the court or agency before which it is pending or was resolved; (5) the file or case number; and (6) the disposition and date thereof or current status. All complaints must be reported, regardless of status or disposition.
- (vii) In accordance with 47 CFR § 76.75(f), a description of the Unit's efforts to analyze its recruitment program to ensure that it is effective in achieving broad outreach and how the unit has addressed any problems found as a result of such analysis.
- (viii) In accordance with 47 CFR § 76.75(g), a description of the Unit's efforts to analyze its EEO policies and employment practices to examine seniority, promotions, pay, benefits, selection techniques, and tests to ensure that they provide equal opportunity and do not have a discriminatory effect and, if the Unit has one or more union agreements, a description of how the unit cooperates with each union to ensure EEO policies are followed for the Unit's union-member employees and job applicants. Address any problems found as a result of this 47 CFR § 76.75(g) analysis and how the Unit has resolved them.

3. Procedures.

(a) The response to this audit letter must be received by the Commission by no later than **December 13, 2021.** Do NOT send paper copies of your response. Responses must be submitted via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), found at http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs, in Docket Number 21-398. ECFS assistance is available by contacting the ECFS Help Desk at (202) 418-0193 or via e-mail at ECFSHelp@fcc.gov.

- (b) The accuracy and completeness of the response must be certified by an authorized officer, partner or other principal of the owner of the Unit. To knowingly and willfully make any false statement or conceal any material fact in response to this audit is punishable by fine or imprisonment (see 18 U.S.C. § 1001; see also 47 CFR § 1.17), and/or forfeiture (47 U.S.C. § 503). Absent an extension of time, failure to respond to this audit letter by the above deadline is also punishable by sanctions in accordance with 47 CFR § 76.77(f) and may result in a certification that the unit is not in compliance with the Commission's EEO rules for 2021.
- (c) Any extension of time must be requested at least five days prior to the aforementioned deadline (via e-mail to EB-EEO@fcc.gov), should indicate the additional time the Unit believes it needs to complete its response (not to exceed 15 days) and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.
- 4. Please note that information submitted via ECFS is publicly available online. Accordingly, please do not include personal information in the Unit's submission, such as social security numbers, home addresses, or other personally identifiable information. The Commission does not require that MVPDs retain such information in their records, or that such information be provided in response to this audit letter.

Should you have any questions, contact EEO staff at (202) 418-1450 or <u>EB-EEO@fcc.gov</u>. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Elizabeth Goldin

Elizabeth E. Goldin Assistant Chief, Investigations & Hearings Division Enforcement Bureau

NOVEMBER 12, 2021 MVPD EEO AUDIT

| UNIT ID # | MSO | O PERATOR | COUNTY | STATE |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|-------|
| 950502 | Imon Communications, LLC | Imon Communications, LLC | United States | IA |
| 12750 | Plant Tiftnet, Inc. | Plant Tiftnet, Inc. | Tifton | GA |
| 4242 | T.V. Service, Inc. | Tv Service, Inc. | Knott | KY |
| 10573 | Cablevision Systems Corp | Cablevision - New York City Call Center | Bronx | NY |
| 598257 | Commzoom | Commzoom, LLC | Bexar | TX |
| 4862 | Service Electric Cablevision | Service Electric Cablevision, Inc | Berks | PA |
| 502017 | Knology, Inc. | Knology, Inc | Muscogee | GA |
| 12220 | Zito Media, L.P. | Zito Media, L.P. | Potter | PA |
| 2805 | Cass Cable Tv, Inc. | Cass Cable Television | Cass County | IL |
| 716312 | Knology, Inc. | Knology, Inc | Richmond | GA |
| 11437 | Mediacom Communications Corporation | Mediacom Communications Corporation | Webster | IA |
| 775611 | City Of Fort Collins Connexion | Fort Collins Electric Utility Enterprise | Larimer | со |
| 7759 | Vexus | Nts Communications, LLC, Dba Vexus | Taylor | TX |
| 10818 | Maxxsouth Broadband | Bci Mississippi Broadband, LLC | Lafayette | MS |
| 12295 | Grande Communications Networks LLC | Grande Communications Networks, Inc. | Midland | TX |
| 396 | Ind. | Mediacom Communications Corporation | Covington | AL |
| 77788 | Ozarksgo, LLC | Ozarksgo, LLC | Washington | AR |
| 10867 | Scottsboro Electric Power Board | Scottsboro Electric Power Board | Jackson | AL |
| 862861 | Sierra Nevada Communications | Sierra Nevada Communications | Tuolumne | CA |
| 10692 | Wire Tele-View | Wire Tele-View Corporation | Pottsville | PA |
| 12721 | Telecommunications Management, LLC | Telecommunications Management, LLC | Clay | IN |
| 5060 | Brc Lansford | Pencor Services, Inc. | Carbon | PA |
| 5641 | Northland Communications Corporation | Northland Communications Corporation | Rutherford | NC |
| 1761 | Eagle Broadband Investments LLC | Northland Communications Corporation | Ellis | KS |
| 11809 | Atlantic Broadband (Delmar) LLC | Atlantic Broadband | New Castle | DE |
| 13529 | Charter Communications | Time Warner Cable | Brevard | FL |
| 12760 | Brc Newberry | Pencor Services, Inc. | York | PA |
| 1605 | Midcontinent Communications | Midcontinent Communications | Burleigh | ND |
| 13536 | Charter Communications | Time Warner Cable | Jefferson | KY |
| 12098 | Wideopenwest Michigan, LLC | Wideopenwest Networks, LLC | Wayne County | МІ |
| 4686 | Cable One, Inc. | Cable One, Inc. | Dyer County | TN |

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| 10748 | Dish Network L.L.C. | Dish Network L.L.C. | Arapahoe | со |
| 800 | Allen's Tv Cable Service, Inc. | Allen's Tv Cable Service, Inc. | St. Mary Parish | LA |
| 11843 | Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | Mccone | MT |
| 11997 | Cox Communications, Inc. | Coxcomm, LLC | Washington | AR |
| 1265 | Harlan Community Television, Inc. | Harlan Community Television, Inc. | Harlan | кү |
| 4315 | Cable One, Inc. | Cable One, Inc. | Adair | МО |
| 21958 | Vast Broadband | Clarity Telecom, LLC Dba Vast Broadband | Turner | SD |
| 738163 | Wehco Video, Inc. | East Arkansas Video, Inc | St. Francis | AR |
| 12853 | Wabash Independent Networks, Inc | Wabash Independent Networks, Inc | Clay | IL |
| 11568 | Comcast Cable Communications | Comcast Corporation | Duval | FL |
| 12278 | Shenandoah Cable Television, LLC | Shenandoah Cable Television, LLC | Alleghany | VA |
| 12781 | Ultra Communications Group, LLC | Ultra Communications Group, LLC | Plaquemines | LA |
| 12133 | Wave Broadband | Wavedivision Vii, LLC | Marion | OR |
| 10865 | Shenandoah Cable Television, LLC | Shenandoah Cable Television, LLC | Logan | WV |
| 12782 | Ultra Communications Group, LLC | Ultra Communications Group, LLC | Caddo | LA |
| 11834 | Rcn Telecom Services LLC | Rcn Telecom Services, LLC | Delaware | PA |
| 12131 | Astound Broadband | Wavedivision Vi, LLC | Placer | CA |
| 12279 | Shenandoah Cable Television, LLC | Shenandoah Cable Television, LLC | Lewis | WV |
| 7677 | Broadstripe | Wavedivision I, LLC | King | WA |